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SUBJECT: NEW PEMEX LUBRICANTS PLANT

1. PETROLEOS MEXICANOS (PEMEX) IS PLANNING TO CONSTRUCT A NEW LUBRICANTS PLANT WITH A CAPACITY OF 10-12,000 BBLs/DAY. DECISION ON PLANT LOCATION - EITHER TULA, HIDALGO OR MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON - AND COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION SHOULD BE MADE BY APRIL 1977. PLANT DESIGN WILL BE JOINT EFFORT OF INSTITUTO MEXICANO DE PETROLEOS AND AS YET UNSELECTED U.S. COMPANIES.

2. PLANT IS TO MEET MEXICAN DEMAND THROUGH 1985, BUT, IF PEMEX'S TRACK RECORD AT PROJECTING DEMAND IS ANY GUIDE, WILL PROBABLY BE INCAPABLE OF FILLING MARKET'S NEEDS BY 1980.

3. MEXICO CURRENTLY IMPORTS 100-150 THOUSAND BBLs OF LUBRICANTS AND LUBRICANT FEEDSTOCKS ANNUALLY. CONSUMPTION IS ABOUT 900 THOUSAND. ANY EXCESS PRODUCTION WILL BE EXPORTED.

4. SUGGEST COMMERCE DEPARTMENT INFORM U.S. COMPANIES POTENTIALLY INTERESTED IN DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF FOREGOING. THEY SHOULD CONTACT ING. JORGE SUZAN IN PEMEX, THE INSTITUTO MEXICANO DE PETROLEO IN MEXICO CITY, OR PEMEX'S HOUSTON OFFICE, FOR FURTHER

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